



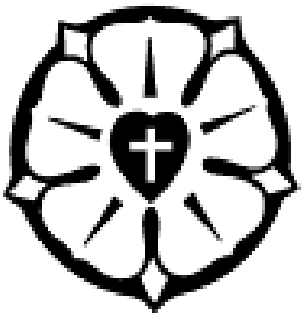
✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



***Our Mission Statement** – As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people. We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.*

***Our Statement of Welcome** – Accepting those who Christ has already accepted, Kure Memorial Lutheran Church affirms that all people, regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, or economic status, are unconditionally welcome to our community of faith and are invited to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry*

From Pastor Chad

A New Beginning

Stepping into a new congregation is a little like walking onto the beach at sunrise—you know something beautiful is there, even as you're still taking it all in. Knowing the new day will be filled with lots of experiences, it is still just the beginning as the light of a new day grows over the horizon.

Jesus has a remarkable habit of showing up in new beginnings. I love the story when Jesus surprises the disciples after the resurrection, when they find him cooking breakfast on the beach after they had been fishing all night. He was there, providing a beautiful moment of a shared meal, conversation, and friendship. That's what our resurrected Lord does. He is always going ahead of us to provide moments of grace.

Jesus has surprised me in beautiful ways the few days I have been here in this place, as I have begun this journey with you at Kure Memorial Lutheran Church. In just a few short days, I've already experienced warm welcomes, kind conversations, and that unmistakable sense that this is a community where faith is lived out with authenticity and joy. You've made it easy to feel at home, and for that I am grateful.

I've have noticed that you care deeply for one another and your neighbors. I have also sensed your care for being faithful in the place God has planted you. That kind of care is the soil where meaningful ministry grows.

As we begin this shared season, I'm not arriving with a grand five-year plan tucked under my arm. (I know—shocking!) Instead, I come with a posture of listening, learning, and walking alongside you. My hope in these early months is simple: to get to know you, to hear your stories, to understand what makes this church uniquely *this church*. So, if you see me asking lots of questions, asking you name for the fourteenth time, know that it's not a strategy. It's genuine curiosity because I want to better know you, the people God has already been at work through in this place.

I ask you to be patient with me as I am learning the rhythms of life here—the flow of worship, the quirks of the building, the ways we make decisions together, and how we communicate important information. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have and questions, concerns, or thoughts.

Like during a new day's sunrise, I'm excited for what lies ahead. Not because everything will be easy or predictable, but because God is already here busy at work preparing moments of grace. Thank you for your kindness, your patience, and your openness during this first month. I'm grateful to be here to walk with you in ministry. I'm looking forward to the many conversations, prayers, and moments of grace, and joy we'll share in the days ahead as we serve our Lord and have FUN doing it!

Grounded in Grace,
Pastor Chad



News Bites:



Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, May 3, we joyfully celebrate *Birthday Sunday* along with a warm welcome to *Pastor Chad and Misti!*

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship as we celebrate our May Birthdays and extend a heartfelt welcome to our new pastor. We look forward to this special time of fellowship and new beginnings here at KMLC

We hope you will come out for the celebration!



Pantry Box Sunday is May 10th!

As our weather is changing towards longer and warmer days here at the beach, the grocery items to stock our Food Pantry Box are also changing. The following is a list of “heat tolerant” grocery items for the continued stocking of our Box:

Applesauce, Cereals, Cookies (without chocolate chips), Crackers, Dried fruits, Fruit snacks, Granola bars (without chocolate chips), Trail mix (without chocolate chips), Coffee, Tea, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, Chef Boyardee SpaghettiOs, Canned meats (chicken, Vienna Sausages), Microwaveable bowls (rice, macaroni/cheese) Canned soups, Canned fruits, Ramen noodles, Tuna (pouch or can) *Cans with pop tops are especially appreciated!

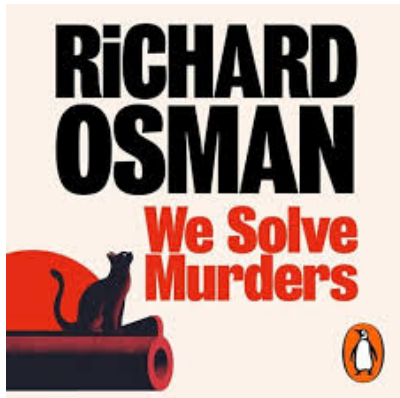
Special Congregational Meeting & Vote: Please join us for a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, May 17th,** immediately following Worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on the proposed replacement of the sanctuary flooring. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important decision for KMLC.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed! Do you have a heart for kids and a desire to make a difference? Our awesome Sunday School crew needs YOU! We have a fantastic group of children who are eager to learn and grow, and they'd love to have more adults pour into them. If you're able to volunteer, even occasionally, please let us know! We promise it's a rewarding experience. If you are interested in teaching...or helping, please let Shannon know. Help is needed for the following **Sundays in May: 5/24 & 5/31**



Worship

Looking for help on Sunday morning. We are looking for volunteers to take a Sunday and set up and manage making coffee. We'd like to keep it simple. Sign-up sheets will be in the church office during the week and on the table as you enter church. Thanks for considering signing up and making Pastor Chad welcome.



Book Club: During May we will be reading *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman. Everyone is welcome and extra copies are available in the office. Please let Shannon or Eleanor know if you borrow a copy. “The story centers on Amy Wheeler, a private security officer tasked with protecting a famous author on a secluded island. When a series of murders implicate Amy, she enlists the help of her father-in-law, Steve Wheeler- a retired police officer enjoying a quiet life. Together they embark on a high-stakes journey to unravel the conspiracy and clear Amy’s name. “
(From Lifeunboxed.blog)

We will meet on Monday, May 18 at 5:00 PM to discuss the book.

Sunday Lunch Ministry: Our Sunday Lunch Ministry continues into its 9th year!!! Shoppers and helpers for pre-service set-up, post-service sandwich making, and distribution are always needed. We have a great “core” group, but additional hands are welcome. Contact Jean Graff-309-339-9272, kjeb415@charter.net, or just talk with me at church and I will be glad to include you in this ministry!

Federal Point Help Center: The Help Center Pantry would like to thank you for all your support and donations over the years that have allowed us to take care of our neighbors. For the month of April, we saw 94 individuals and provided food for approximately 187 people.

The Help Center requesting the following items for May Food Donations *Peanut Butter and Jelly (small jars), Tuna, Mayo, Rice, Spam Pancake Mix & Syrup.* Please remember these are small or single serving items with pop-tops, pouches or in microwaveable cups. Examples of these items are Tuna, Peanut-On-The Go, Cereal, Vegetables, One Can meals. Items can be left in the narthex.

For information about the Help Center, please contact Wanda Patrick atap09@gmail.com



Friday Book Group: Every Friday at 9:30 AM we gather to read and discuss books chosen by the group. Current events are always welcomed and discussed. If interested in joining contact Sara Tardio (beechfmly@gmail.com)



Rice Bowl Offering: This month the offering will be on May 31st, and the donations will go to support the 100 Black Men of Coastal NC. The 100 Black Men of Coastal North Carolina, Inc. is a 501 c (3), non-profit organization. It is a group of African American men dedicated to improving the quality of life for African Americans in southeastern North Carolina. With more than 110 chapters in the United States and abroad, 100 Black Men of America impacts more than 125,000 youth. The 100 Black Men of America, our parent organization began in New York in 1963. These men envisioned an organization that would improve the quality of life for the nation’s African Americans and other minorities. For more information check out www.100bmcoastalnc.org

KURE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026 VBS

MON. JUNE 29- WEDS, JULY 1

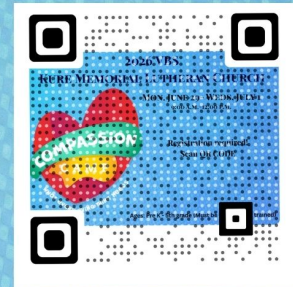
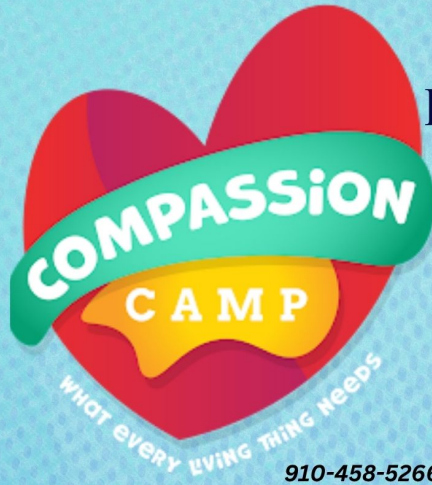
9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Come join us as we explore and learn what it means to love and care for ourselves, others, and the world.

SINGING, CRAFTS, GAMES, BIBLE STORIES, AND MORE.

Ages: Pre K - 5th grade (Must be FULLY potty trained)

REGISTER TODAY!



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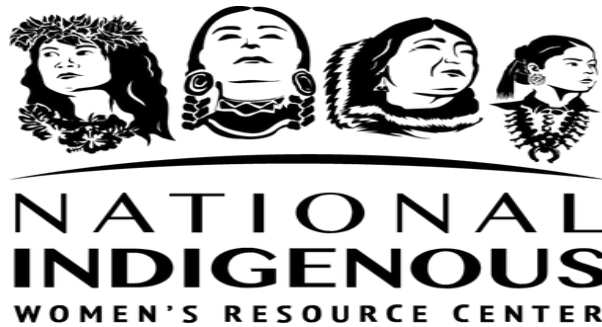
The KMLC Food Pantry



Looking for 10 More Angels! 40 of 50 calendar weeks in 2026 are currently covered with the Pantry Box Angels project. This project kicked off in January. It's a super simple initiative that requires an individual or group to purchase **1** grocery item, **1** time during the year to benefit our Pantry Box. Only 10 more Angels are needed to reach our goal! If you would like to volunteer yourself or your family, or possibly a group that you are connected with, contact MJ Shalanski at (570) 578-8110 or email maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

May Worship Assistant

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
May 3	Thom Giaradot & Roger Carillion	Cory Petermann	Pat Jones	Jen Carter	Johnathan Reilly / Cory Petermann
May 10	Don and Deb Price	Robert Rhyne	MJ Shalanski	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann
May 17	Jack Campbell &	Beth Gavigan	Lanie Nagle	Jen Carter	Colby Shoffner
May 24	Gayle and Kylie Palamara	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Jen Carter	Francis Reilly / Cory Petermann
May 31	Jack Campbell & Bill Gourville	Tracy Gourville	Jim Hargrave	Amber Lang	Peter Yandow



National Week of Action for MMIWR - May 4 – 8, 2026 (Murdered Missing Indigenous Women/Relatives)

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) invites you to join the 2026 National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR), taking place May 4-8, 2026. This annual campaign centers on families' voices, uplifts community-led efforts, and calls the nation to honor the lives of MMIWR through awareness, solidarity, and action.

****Murder is the third leading cause of death** for American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, according to the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

**** American Indian and Alaska Native women experience a murder rate 10 times higher** than the national average.

**** More than four in five** American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime.

**** 56.1%** have experienced sexual violence, **55.5%** have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, and **48.8%** have experienced stalking, according to the [National Institute of Justice](#).

**** 64% of trafficking survivors** in Hawaii identified as being part Native Hawaiian, according to [Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women](#) reports.

The alarming rates of abduction and murder of Native women represent one of the most devastating issues facing Tribal communities. On some reservations, Native women face murder rates more than **ten times** the national average.

Grassroots movements have grown at the local, regional, national, and international levels to honor lives lost and work toward lasting safety and justice for all missing and murdered Indigenous women and relatives.

What can you do during this week of action? Help spread national awareness of this crisis; support the passage of critical legislation, (check to see what laws your state has enacted that hinder or enhance the rights of indigenous people); elevate family voices; and strengthen advocacy efforts across Indian Country. This week stands as a national call to action to end the violence and restore safety for our indigenous communities.



Maternal Caress by Mary Cassatt

A Blessing for Mother's Day

~ Kate Bowler

**Bless all who mother, holding us in their arms,
in the quiet corners of their hearts.**

**The weight of small hands in yours, the *joy* that catches you off guard,
the quiet power of being needed– and the *love* that makes you braver than
you were.**

**Bless all the exhausted and overextended, the ones holding it all together and
the ones hanging on for dear life.**

**The ones doing the best they can with what they have,
and all of those learning to forgive or let go or start anew.**

**Bless all who grieve, missing a mother or a child,
or a relationship that wasn't what it *should have* been.**

**And bless all those for whom mothering is
complicated, heartbreaking, or incomplete.**

**May there be tenderness today. Enough to *honor* what's beautiful.
Enough to *name* what still hurts. Enough to hold the complexity
without needing to *tidy* it up.**

**And may love–real, honest, ordinary love–
be what finds you.**

Today and every day after



A PRAYER FOR ARMED FORCES DAY ~ May 16, 2026

Almighty God, creator of the world and author of peace, on this Armed Forces Day we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess. We give thanks for the men and women of our Armed Forces, who willingly leave their families and homes and dedicate their lives to serving and protecting our beloved country. Their service often involves great danger, perilous missions, and harm to their bodies, minds and spirits.

We pray for their safety and well-being, both abroad and at home. We pray for their courage, strength, and resilience as they face the challenges and dangers of their duty. Grant them peace of mind and a sense of your presence wherever they may be. We ask for your healing and comfort for those who have suffered injuries or trauma.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your guidance and wisdom to lead them in their decisions and tasks. We pray that they meet all occasions with discipline and loyalty so they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace.

We also pray for the families of our service members, who endure hardships and uncertainties during their loved ones' deployments. May they find strength and comfort in your love and support.

We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for God and country, and we honor their memory with gratitude and respect. May their lives be a source of inspiration and a reminder of the importance of freedom and liberty.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our Armed Forces and ask for your continued blessings and protection. Help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love. In your holy name, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Memorial Day – May 25, 2026

Americans began to recognize Memorial Day in 1868, and the country established it as a [federal holiday in 1971](#). Originally known as “Decoration Day,” the holiday started with communities coming together to decorate the graves of those who died during service.

Many service members, veterans, and others in the military community spend Memorial Day mourning those they’ve lost. They think about their fallen brothers and sisters, and find their own ways to remember and honor them



“Memorial Day is important to me because I honor those who have sacrificed their lives and their family’s lives in pursuit of freedom for our nation,” said Army veteran Edwin Martinez. “What greater gift can one man or woman sacrifice to keep the U.S. free and maintain our way of life?”

U.S. Marine Corps veteran David Daly also holds Memorial Day close to his heart. He encourages us all to look beyond the day off and remember the bravery of the men and women who served.

“For me, the day reminds me of friends lost and the horrors of war,” David said. “At the same time, it reminds us all that in the midst of gloom and doom, we still live in a place where heroes are among us. While these brave souls have passed in service, their memory is honored on Memorial Day to remind us that we had the privilege of existing on the same plane as them, even if it was only for a moment.”

How do I honor Memorial Day? Take a moment of silence at 3 pm, take part in local activities, or display a flag at half-staff from sunrise to noon.

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					9:30 Book Group	
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10:00 Worship, Sunday School & Fellowship 12:15 Lunch Ministry BIRTHDAY SUNDAY Happy Birthday Mia Monahan Welcome Pastor Chad	7:30 AA Meeting	11:00 Prayer Circle 1:30 Property Team Meeting Happy Anniversary Robbie & Jill Shoffner		7:30 AA Meeting	9:30 Book Group Happy Anniversary Daniel and Darcy Hearne	Happy Birthday Brook Pivik
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10:00 Worship, Sunday School & Fellowship PANTRY BOX SUNDAY	Happy Birthday Hawthorne Hamm 7:30 AA Meeting	11:00 Prayer Circle Happy Birthday Bill Duncan		7:30 AA Meeting	9:30 Book Group Happy Anniversary Jean & Keith Graff	Happy Birthday Thom Girardot
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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10:00 Worship, Sunday School & Fellowship 12:15 Lunch Ministry RICE BOWL SUNDAY						

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Barry & Sandra; Bill; Carl; Clara, Josh & Tori ; Danny; Eleanor; Ellen; Donnie, Gabby; Gray; Herb; Jean; Joe; John; Ronnie; Ginny: May; Laura McMahan; Linda Britt-Kell; Ken: Lyndsay; Margaret; Maxine; Nicky; Pat; Darlene, Rick & Sharon; Senka; Steve; Trudy; Troy ; Patrick; Mackenzie; Sandra; Gary; Sheila Anne, Diane, Mike, Christine, Ashton, Kristen, Michele, Bexley, Patrick, Willa, Tynan, John, & Jeff.

Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.

Pray for the missions of our church:

Federal Point Help Center; Coupons to Service men's families; Good Shepherd (food & supplies); Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program; New Hanover County Special Olympics; KMLC Preschool; Trinity Grove; The Sunday Lunch Ministry; Alcoholics Anonymous

Students Attending College:

Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; Mia Shoffner - UNC Pembroke; Preston Gourville - Vanderbilt; Sydney Roy - UNCW; Jade Denne - UNC School of Medicine Chapel Hill; Evan Shoffner – Cape Fear Community College

Military Personnel Serving:

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Nick Schwenker – Fort Liberty, NC; Pastor Drew Goodson, US Navy Chaplain; Rileigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

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